

# SEE DENIES THREAT OF RAILWAY STRIKE

Chief of Trainmen Warned  
Kansas City Local Not to  
Take Such Action.

## SITUATION SEEMS ACUTE

500 Chairmen in Cleveland  
Talk at Hines's Compromise  
in Pay for Overtime.

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Mr. Lee, however, admitted having received a telegram from the Kansas City local saying that the trainmen and yardmen there had decided to strike to-morrow and that he had warned them that if they thought they were "bigger than the United States Government," he had no advice to give them.

Knowledge of the Kansas City situation and of similar pressure from other locals is what gave impetus to the reports which spread so rapidly here to-night.

The union officials in Chicago from whom the information was obtained stated that so far as they were aware the secret conference in Cleveland had not yet reached the point where resolutions or motions for the strike actually had been presented, but that the discussion concerning it to-day, according to their information, was favorable to the project and that the tieup could be expected within three days.

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**Large Locals Are Insistent.**  
Buffalo, Detroit, Pittsburgh and St. Louis were declared to have been among the cities whose locals were particularly insistent that a strike be called in view of recent governmental statements to the effect that general advances in the pay of railway workers could not be considered at this time.

The fourteen locals of Chicago railwaymen, it was said, had voted unanimously in favor of the strike and that a resolution asking the strike action had been sent to the convention of the newly organized labor party here.

In some union quarters it was stated that the real reason why the national officials in Cleveland hesitated to make an announcement of the strike or to be placed in the position of directing the proposed strike call was their fear of strike injunctions and that it was their purpose to await the crisis which they expected from the action of the rank and file of railway union men.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Nov. 25.—Information obtained to-night from the local trainmen's union here has decided to await the action of the Cleveland convention before striking. It was intimated that the event of an national railroad strike would call the railroad workers in Kansas City and spread to other railroad centers.

Union officials to-night were emphatic in their assertions that there was no possibility of the pending matters in dispute between the railway men and the roads had been satisfactorily adjusted by the Cleveland conference.

Railroad officials also said they had received no word that a strike might be called.

There is nothing I know of that would lead me to expect a strike in the immediate future," said W. M. Corbett, general manager of the Kansas City Terminal Company.

Of course the entire situation depends upon the action taken at Cleveland. There are always a few hot heads in every strike, but I can say that to-night local railroad officials have not received any information to indicate conditions are more serious than they have been.

**NO STRIKE TALK IN CLEVELAND SESSION**  
Only Purpose, Leaders Say, Is to Act on Hines's Terms.

CLEVELAND, Nov. 25.—William G. Lee, president of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, issued the following statement to-night:

No motion or resolution pertaining to a quick strike has come before the conference of general chairmen of the four railroad brotherhoods in session here for action, and I do not know whether any such motion or resolution will be presented.

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ference into a vote on a general strike.

A statement by L. E. Sheppard, president of the Order of Railroad Conductors, denied "any secret meetings here, but that the discussion concerning it to-day, according to their information, was favorable to the project and that the tieup could be expected within three days."

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Discussion of the overtime proposition occupied most of to-day's two sessions, many delegates bitterly opposing the overtime proposition.

From an authoritative source it was learned to-night that in all probability the delegates will reject the offer of time and one-half for overtime in slow freight service at the rate of 100 percent.

The Director-General's offer is in response to the brotherhoods' request for a general wage increase of approximately 50 percent, and grants time and one-half for overtime in slow freight service.

Outside of the overtime offer, the request for a general increase in wages made by the Brotherhood of Firemen and Enginemen and the Brotherhood of Trainmen several months ago, to meet the high cost of living, has not been answered by the Director-General.

The Brotherhood of Railroad Conductors, it is understood, supports the wage demands presented by the firemen and trainmen.

The Brotherhood of Engineers has no wage demands before the Director-General.

**600 RAIL MEN QUIT—DEMAND BACK PAY**  
Delay Closes W. & M. Shops at Hagerstown, Md.

HAGERSTOWN, Md., Nov. 25.—Demanding immediately payment of back wages from last May, 600 boiler makers, pipe fitters, machinists and other craftsmen in the Western Maryland Railway shops here refused to go to work to-day.

The workmen did not leave the shops but stood by their jobs ready to resume work upon receipt of the back pay they claim.

The Railroad Administration is preparing back pay vouchers for the workmen as fast as possible, with the view of paying, at the same time, all those to whom back pay is due. It is said this will not be forthcoming until December.

If the local shop men hold out in their demands until they receive the back pay the shops will remain idle, as the company is making no effort to replace them.

Company officials say they look for an early return to work by the men.

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# BERNSTORFF NAMED IN MURDER INQUIRY

His Trips to New Hampshire  
Prior to Dean Killing  
Recalled.

## GOVERNOR PLANS ACTION

Bert Ford, Boston Newspaper  
Man, Tells of Signals to  
Submarines.

Special Despatch to The Sun.  
CONCORD, N. H., Nov. 25.—Evidence that Count von Bernstorff, the dismissed German Ambassador, had at least two visits to Dublin, N. H., during which he made long automobile inspection trips to East Jaffrey, in company with Lawrence Maene Collett of New York and another man, was laid before Gov. Bartlett and his Executive Council to-day, at a hearing on a petition to order a special grand jury to reopen the investigation of the murder of Dr. William Kendrick Dean in East Jaffrey the night of August 13, 1918.

Bert Ford, a Boston newspaper man who has worked on the case for several weeks recently, was the only witness heard to-day but his testimony so impressed Gov. Bartlett and the councilors that they will have a further hearing.

Ford declared the Federal officials had made a mistake in not taking the day of the murder of Dean as a starting point for investigation. He said that he had information that he had seen German activities in Jaffrey, and that this proof had been placed in the possession of the State authorities, who had refused to take action because of the political and high social prominence of some of the persons involved.

The Dean case was not reached by the Governor and Council until late in the day owing to other business, but after the holiday the council will take up the matter again and give exclusive attention to its consideration.

**Attorney-General Young,** who presented evidence at a previous grand jury inquiry which brought no indictments, was present at the hearing and in a brief statement declared there was not sufficient evidence presented at that hearing to warrant indictments.

The Governor and Councilors, however, were impressed with the story of Ford and expressed a desire to hear more.

Ford told of the presence of many Germans at Jaffrey, Dublin and other places in that mountainous section, perfectly adapted for signalling to German submarines off the coast. He told of the controllable evidence by scores of residents of the section that lights were seen flashing from mountain tops and houses on eminences.

On one of the visits of Count von Bernstorff, a local photographer was taken along on the automobile trip. Ford says, pictures being taken showing the topographical features of the section, which he said he had seen in the past.

Ford said, but he did not realize who Bernstorff really was until later when he saw a newspaper picture of the German Ambassador.

"At the time Bernstorff was in Jaffrey," said Ford, "the section was filled with Germans and scores of sailors from the interned German ships were working on the large estates of summer residents thereabout. They had frequent meetings and did not hesitate to tamper with mail that came to American guests, particularly the mail of the United States Secret Service which bore the official Government seal. Men in American uniforms met the Germans at these conferences."

"Bernstorff was there," Ford testified, which aroused the suspicions of persons who knew him and saw him, although he endeavored to keep under cover. His presence was there the signaling, by lights, was more pronounced than at other times, and it is significant that these times coincided with the destruction of merchant ships off the New England coast within the three mile limit by German submarines."

Ford declared the information he had received was in communication with the submarine and that messages were relayed regularly from Mount Monadnock which is the first point of land visible to incoming vessels, off the New England coast.

"Dr. Dean knew this and was about to give the information to the war intelligence officers," said Ford, "and that was the reason he was killed."

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# MARSDEN ACQUITTED OF GRAFT CHARGE

Not a Party to Navy Scandal,  
Court-Martial Says.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 25.—Lieutenant-Commander Christopher Marsden, who was placed on trial at the Brooklyn navy yard on charges growing out of the bribery scandal in the Third Naval district, has been acquitted. It was announced at the Navy Department to-day that Marsden was cleared for lack of evidence to justify the allegations of implication in the system of graft to obtain promotions. It was stated. The record of the trial was not made public.

Marsden was accused in the testimony of Louis Markowitz of conspiring with Lieut. Benoit J. Elliott to provide any berth in the Naval Reserve force for men who would pay the price. The sum he was alleged to have taken in this manner was from \$200 to \$5,000.

One of the unusual developments at the court-martial was the withdrawal of Commander Gustave Hamel as a member of the special court-martial board after he had inserted in the record a strong testimonial to Marsden's honesty. Marsden is 39 and has fought the sea for thirty-five years. He was enrolled in the Naval Reserve force in 1917 and made head of the district recruiting office in Manhattan in February, 1918, remaining until last July. He denied every charge made against him.

**CURTIS SEES ROSY FUTURE.**  
Philadelphia Publisher Sees Need of Brains and Courage.

"The to-morrow of the publishing business will be bigger than ever before, but it will require more brains, courage and capital than now," declared Cyrus H. K. Curtis, president of the Curtis-Scott publishing company, at the 164th dinner of the Sphinx Club, an association of advertising men and journalists, given in the Waldorf-Astoria last night.

Mr. Curtis supplemented this statement by telling of the great increase in circulation contemplated in the near future for periodicals of which he is the publisher.

Other speakers were Irving S. Cobb, James Montgomery Flagg and Louis C. M. Read. At the speakers' table were William G. McCandless and F. A. Wilson-Lawrence, George Ethridge, president of the organization, presided.

**TO CONTINUE STEEL STRIKE.**  
National Committee Acts—Carnegie Plant Normal.

YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio, Nov. 25.—The national committee in charge of the steel strike meeting at Pittsburgh yesterday voted unanimously to continue the strike. It was announced here to-day by S. T. Hammon, secretary in charge of local strike headquarters.

The Carnegie Steel Company for the first time since the steel strike began to-day claimed operation at 100 percent in all its plants of the Youngstown district. The sixth blast furnace, which was started to-day and two more open hearth furnaces, making a total of eleven. One blast furnace, down since last spring and two open hearth furnaces down for repairs are the only idle equipment, the statement said.

Officials showed payrolls totalling over \$200,000, comparing with \$150,000 the largest number employed before the strike.

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# NEW AMBASSADOR ARRIVES FROM ITALY

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# question is keeping the people of Italy under a heavy strain and is causing serious apprehension to ourselves and our Allies. I am not yet acquainted with the final results of the elections in my country, but should the Socialist party have won sufficient votes to be of greater weight in the councils of our Government we can fully trust that the traditions of common sense of the Italian nation will prevent any fresh social evolution from assuming an alarming revolutionary character.

"Often misjudged as to her real economic power and resources Italy again will be able to cheerfully undertake to accomplish what she achieved after '59 and '66 in order to honorably and fully discharge her foreign and internal obligations."

With the Baron was his wife, daughter of the late Mortimer Taylor of St. Louis, their daughter Yolanda, and Prince Eugenio Russell, an attaché of the embassy at Washington, and for the first time in diplomatic service in America. The Baron and his party were greeted at the pier by a delegation from the Italian Embassy at Washington and representatives of the Italian Consulate here, Italian merchants and financiers and Mrs. Frederick Clark, wife of Dr. Frederick Clark of Staten Island, mother of the Baroness. While the ambassadorial residence in Washington is being put in order the Baron will stop at the Ritz-Carlton.

A group of clerymen from the Church of Our Lady of Good Counsel was at the pier to greet their former rector, the Right Rev. James B. Connolly, another passenger on the Mauretania, who has been abroad two years as vicar-general of Archbishop Hayes, Bishop ordinary of American military and naval forces.

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